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For: BURIED CONDUCTOR PATTERNS  
FORMED BY SURFACE  
TRANSFORMATION OF EMPTY SPACES  
IN SOLID STATE MATERIALS  
(AS AMENDED)

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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of the June 19, 2006 Notice of Allowance, and submit the following remarks. The Statement paraphrases several limitations from independent claims 46, 56, 62, 72 and 76 as reasons for allowing the claims. Applicants note that independent claims 46, 56, 62, 72 and 76 contain additional limitations which, in combination with the limitations paraphrased in the Statement, render independent claims 46, 56, 62, 72 and 76 allowable. Moreover, dependent claims 47, 48 and 51-55 (which depend from claim 46), dependent claims 58-60 (which depend from claim 56), dependent claims 63-65 and 67-71 (which depend from claim 62), dependent claims 73 and 74 (which depend from

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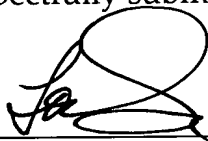
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claim 72), and dependent claims 78-81 (which depend from claim 76), recite limitations which, in combination with their base claims, render these dependent claims allowable.

Applicants agree with the Statement that the allowed claims distinguish over the prior art.

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Respectfully submitted,

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